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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India has one of the highest peace-time crash rates of fighter planes in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The crash rate of fighter planes has shown a substantive decline in last couple of years. A comparison of crash rate with other countries may not give a correct picture as different air forces in the world would use different kind of aircraft and fly in different environment.

(c) A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Defence Forces to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgment and situational awareness of pilots are being pursued. Constant interaction with Original Equipment Manufactures (OEMs), both indigenous and foreign, is also maintained to overcome the technical defects of aircraft. Besides, anti-bird measures are also undertaken.